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Honorable Vernon A. Williams  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub. No. 434X); BNSF Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Fergus County, MT**

Dear Secretary Williams:

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon a line of railroad between milepost 9.50 near Moore, MT, and milepost 28.35 near Lewiston, MT, the 1.30-mile Berg Lumber Spur (milepost 0.00 – milepost 1.30), and the Heath Spur (milepost 0.00 – milepost 1.10), a total distance of 21.25 miles in Fergus County, MT. Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on December 14, 2005 (70 FR 74108-09). The exemption became effective on January 13, 2006. The present consummation deadline is December 14, 2006.

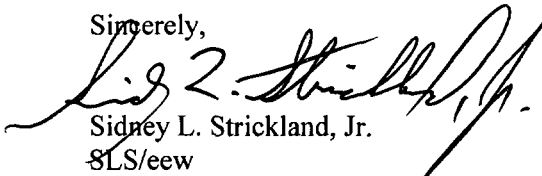
BNSF requests an extension of the consummation deadline until June 14, 2007 in order to resolve a pending historical condition.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 338-1325.

Sincerely,

  
Sidney L. Strickland, Jr.  
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John Sims

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